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(U) Fresno – Gang Sweep Leads to 17 Arrests

(U) Fresno police Chief Jerry Dyer announced yesterday that 17 gang members, including leaders of Malos Hechos and the Bulldogs, had been arrested in a joint law enforcement operation. Officers also seized 45 firearms and 80 pounds of methamphetamine during the operation. Dyer said "Operation Bulldog Tattoo" put a "significant dent" in gang operations and that the Malos Hechos motorcycle gang was "no more." Dyer credits the success of the operation to the agencies involved, including the FBI, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, as well as the Fresno County Sheriff's Office and California Highway Patrol.

SOURCE: 19 July 2016, [The Fresno Bee](#)

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(U) District of Columbia – Anti-ISIL Coalition Has Killed 20 Operators Plotting External Attacks

(U) Washington – US Defense Secretary Ash Carter said today the coalition fighting the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) had killed more than 20 of the militant group's operatives who were conspiring to carry out external attacks. In prepared remarks before a gathering of coalition defense ministers near Washington, Carter said "we've killed over 20 of ISIL's external operators who were actively plotting to attack our homelands and personnel."

SOURCE: 20 July 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Florida – Florida May Have its First Zika Outbreak

(U) Tallahassee – Florida health officials said yesterday they were investigating a possible case of Zika that wasn't carried back by a traveler. If it's confirmed, it would be the first evidence that Zika has spread to mosquitoes in the continental U.S. All cases up to now have been in people who traveled to Zika-affected regions or their sexual partners. Small, local outbreaks of Zika virus are fully expected in southern states such as Florida, Louisiana and Texas. These states are home to the Aedes aegypti mosquitoes that most commonly transmit the virus.

SOURCE: 20 July 2016, [NBC News](#)

(U) Kansas – Officer Killed While Searching for Drive-By Suspect

(U) Kansas City – A Kansas City, Kansas, police officer was shot and killed while searching for a suspect in a drive-by shooting, and two people are in custody, though no charges have been filed yet. Capt. Robert Melton was searching for the suspect when he drove up to someone who matched that person's description just before 2 p.m. yesterday, police spokesman Tom Tomasic said. Before Melton could get out of his vehicle, the person opened fire, hitting the officer multiple times. The alleged shooter was caught five minutes later about a block away, he said.

SOURCE: 20 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Ohio – California Republican Staffers in Ohio Develop Norovirus

(U) Sandusky – Nearly a dozen staffers from the California Republican party have developed severe

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gastrointestinal symptoms that could be Norovirus at a resort in Sandusky, Ohio, about 65 miles from the site of this week's Republican National Convention in Cleveland. The group was an advance team for the state's delegation to the convention. Health officials said the illness was only affecting staff that arrived last Thursday, and none of the delegates to the convention are believed to be sick. Norovirus is highly contagious and individuals may begin to feel better but can still spread it to others.

SOURCE: 19 July 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Texas – Cartel Hitman Found Guilty

(U) San Antonio – Accused Zeta hitman Marciano Milan Vasquez was found guilty on all 10 counts in federal court yesterday. Vasquez, 46, is accused of working for the notorious Mexican drug cartel Los Zetas in a variety of roles. He held positions as a drug trafficker, a weapons collector, as a leader, and a sicario--an assassin, executioner and kidnapper. In the 10-count indictment, he was accused of killing or ordering the deaths potentially dozens in Mexico since 2009. Since 2006, he's accused of trafficking cocaine, marijuana, and meth, employing underage people, and trafficking drugs all while using guns.

SOURCE: 19 July 2016, [FOX San Antonio](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Germany – Germany Fears More ‘Lone Wolf’ Attacks after Train Assault**

(U) Berlin – Germany is likely to face more attacks, its interior minister said today, although he played down any link between the government's open-door refugee policy and Monday's ax assault aboard a train in Bavaria. "You cannot say there is no connection between refugees and terrorism, but the danger was high before and remains high, regardless of questions about refugees," interior minister Thomas de Maiziere said. A 17-year-old who had sought asylum in Germany was shot dead by police after severely wounding four people from Hong Kong who were traveling on the train near the city of Wuerzburg and injuring another woman while fleeing the scene.

SOURCE: 20 July 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mali – 17 Soldiers Killed, 35 Wounded in Attack on Mali Army Base

(U) Nampala – Gunmen killed 17 soldiers and wounded 35 in an attack yesterday on an army camp in central Mali, the government said, and two separate groups claimed responsibility. A government statement issued late Tuesday said it was not yet clear who had attacked the city of Nampala. The Macina Liberation Front, which is said to have ties to al-Qa'ida in the Islamic Maghreb, claimed responsibility for the attack on social media. Another group called the National Alliance for the Protection of the Peul Identity and the Restoration of Justice said it had carried out the Nampala attack.

SOURCE: 19 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

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